What is claimed is:

1. A mounting system for an article, comprising:

a base securable to a support,

a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and

an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that provides a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount.

2. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter includes one or more passages therethrough that communicate between the mount and an article mountable thereto.

3. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter includes means for locating the adapter on the mount.

4. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter includes one or more ribs that strengthen the underside of the adapter.

5. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter has a substantially flat central mounting surface that separates the mount and an article mountable thereto.

6. A mounting system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the flat surface is bounded by a peripheral wall that cooperates with the flat surface to enclose the sides of the mount, the peripheral wall including one or more openings therein for an installation and removal tool to engage the mount for coupling and uncoupling the mount and the base.

7. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter includes one or more guide passages that extend from the one or more openings

in the peripheral wall to guide an installation and removal tool into engagement with the mount.

8. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the mount includes means for positioning the positioning the adapter on the mount.

9. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the mount has a generally cylindrical shape and the adapter has a substantially circular rib to register the adapter to the mount.

10. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of adapters from which the adapter is selected, each adapter having a different geometric characteristic.

11. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein each adapter has a generally cylindrical shape and each adapter has a different diameter and a uniform size rib to register each adapter to the mount.

12. A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an article mountable to the mount through the adapter.

13. A method of releasably coupling subassemblies of an assembly that includes a base and a mount, comprises:

securing the base to a ceiling of a room to provide a secured subassembly;

securing an article to be supported to the mount using an adapter interposed between the article and the mount, the adapter being selected from a plurality of adapters interchangeably connectable to the mount;

interposing a magnet and a ferrous plate between the base and the mount while supporting the mount, the adapter and the article to be suspended on an installation and removal tool on the end of a rod or pole, the mount including either the magnets or the ferrous plate;

registering the ferrous plate to the magnets to engage them; and removing the installation and removal tool.

14. A method as set forth in claim 13, further comprising selecting the adapter from a plurality of adapters that have a generic mounting arrangement for connecting to the mount and a variety of shapes to provide different effects with an article to be supported.

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